Task 3.11 Direct Support

Task Overview

Occasionally, FSA staff and contractors need direct security support including specialized training, security control testing, network scanning, preparation of security documentation, independent analysis, and so on. BearingPoint dedicates an allotment of hours for this task area. We will coordinate this support directly with the FSA CSO and track the number of hours spent each month on this task area.

Task Details

BearingPoint has provided significant direct support to FSA systems during the September/October reporting period. As part of the Department-wide C&A process, our team has assisted nearly all FSA systems prepare Security Test and Evaluation plans, create Corrective Action Plans in response to ED OCIO reviews of security documentation, and update security documentation. We have met individually with system security officers and their contract support to guide each system through the C&A process as efficiently as possible.

BearingPoint estimates we have worked an estimated 500 hours combined from October to December directly on this task area to bring the total to 1500 hours.

During the January to February timeframe, BearingPoint directly supported several FSA systems. We dedicated significant resources to eCB and CSB. Our support included C&A planning, document drafting and editing and POA&M remediation.

Task Details, Modification 1, Period 1

During this period, BearingPoint met individually with six system owners to determine if systems that had been identified as "new" systems were in fact new systems that might be subject to C&A requirements. BearingPoint prepared a standard methodology to make this determination, and prepared a report summarizing the results of these interviews. If a system was in fact determined top be subject to further security requirements, BearingPoint prepared individual workplans for each system owner.

Task Status

This task is complete.